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FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 5890 ACTION STATE APR 1.

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DEPT PLEASE REPEAT TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MNUC, NATO, NPG

SUBJ: ERW

1. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S OFFICE CALLED US APRIL 1
TO SAY THAT VON STADEN HAD REPORTED THAT DEPARTMENT
ENVISAGES AN EARLY NAC MEETING FOR ERW DISCUSSION,
PLUS ACTION TO INFORM ALLIANCE MEMBERS BILATERALLY
OF ERW DECISION. THIS SCENARIO, VON STADEN REPORTED,
COULD BE SET IN TRAIN TODAY OR AT BEGINNING OF WEEK.

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2. GENSCHER'S FICE CONTINUED THAT, FOLLOWING FURTHER
DISCUSSION BETWEEN GENSCHER AND SCHMIDT, VON STADEN HAD
NOW BEEN INSTRUCTED TO POINT OUT TO THE DEPARTMENT
THAT THE CHANCELLOR TOLD DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER
MARCH 31 THAT FRG CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT GENSCHER
BE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON BEFORE ERW DECISION BECOMES

PUBLIC. FRG NOW FEARS THAT SCENARIO (PARA 1), ESPECIALLY A NAC MEETING, WOULD MEAN THAT THE ERW DECISION WOULD LEAK BEFORE GENSCHER'S APRIL 4 WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS. VON STADEN WAS UNDER INSTRUCTION, THEREFORE, TO ASK FOR A DELAY IN THE SCENARIO.

3. FINALLY, GENSCHER'S OFFICE ASKED EMBASSY TO MAKE URGENT PARALLEL PRESENTATION OF FRG VIEWS TO WASHINGTON.

4. IN LIGHT FRG CONCERNS RE MODALITIES OF ERW DECISION ANNOUNCEMENT, AS CONVEYED TO CHRISTOPHER BY SCHMIDT, AND NOW REITERATED BY SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER, REQUEST GUIDANCE ASAP ON SCENARIO, NOTABLY TIMING OF VARIOUS STEPS IN RELATION TO GENSCHER'S SCHEDULED WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS. CLEARLY, FROM GERMAN POINT OF VIEW, HOPE AND EXPECTATION IS THAT NOTHING WILL HAPPEN THAT COULD RESULT IN LEAK PRIOR THOSE CONSULTATIONS. GIVEN HIGHLY CONSTRUCTIVE FRG ROLE THROUGHOUT ENTIRE ERW DEVELOPMENTS IN RECENT WEEKS, AND PERSONAL COMMITMENT OF SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER, AGAINST BACKGROUND OF COMPLICATED DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS WE GIVE DUE WEIGHT TO AND TRY TO ACCOMMODATE GERMAN REPRESENTATIONS.
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